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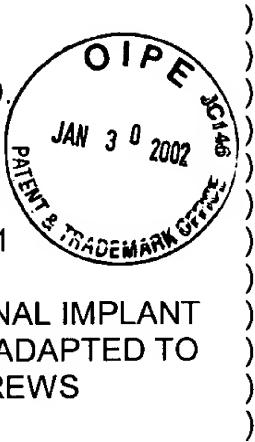
In re Application of:

Gary K. Michelson, M.D.

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For: INTERBODY SPINAL IMPLANT
WITH TRAILING END ADAPTED TO
RECEIVE BONE SCREWS
(as amended)



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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT

Prior to the examination of the above application, please amend this application as follows:

IN THE TITLE:

Please rewrite the title (with the changes as shown in the attachment) as follows:

--INTERBODY SPINAL IMPLANT WITH TRAILING END ADAPTED TO

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following new claims:

- 119. The implant of claim 1, further in combination with a fusion promoting substance.
120. The implant of claim 119, wherein said fusion promoting substance is bone morphogenetic protein.
121. The implant of claim 119, wherein said fusion promoting substance includes